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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

**Re: PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**United States Patent Application No. 09/645,593**  
**Entitled: Flax Seed Specific Promoters**  
**Inventors: Sarita Chaudhary, Gijs van Rooijen, Maurice Moloney**  
**and Surinder Singh**  
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The Examiner is respectfully requested to make the following amendments to the application:

## In the Abstract

Please renumber the Abstract page as page number 74.

## In the Specification

Please substitute pages 35 - 67 enclosed herewith, containing a Sequence Listing, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.821(c), for pages 35-45 of record.

## In the Claims

Please renumber claim pages 46-51 of record as pages 68-73.